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SUBJECT: ROMANIAN CITIZEN REPORTEDLY ARRESTED FOR PROPAGATING
SUBVERSIVE MATERIAL

1. MONICA LOVINESCU, WELL-KNOWN ROMANIAN EMIGRE RESIDENT
IN PARIS, TELEPHONED ACTING DIRECTOR OF RFE'S ROMANIAN
BROADCASTING DEPARTMENT JANUARY 7 TO REPORT THAT FOUR ROMANIAN
EMIGRE SOURCES HAD INFORMED HER THAT IN SEPTEMBER 1974 CAMIL
DEMETRESCU, FORMER EMPLOYEE OF ROMANIAN MFA AND MEMBER OF
GROUP WHICH PREPARED AUGUST 23, 1944 COUP D'ETAT, WAS
CONVICTED BY MILITARY COURT IN BUCHAREST OF PROPAGATING SUB-
VERSIVE MATERIAL AND SENTENCED TO SIX YEARS IMPRISONMENT.

2. LOVINESCU'S SOURCES DESCRIBED EVENTS LEADING TO DEME-
TRESCU'S ALLEGED ARREST AND CONVICTION AS FOLLOWS:

DEMETRESCU "ANNOTATED" A COPY OF HARALAMB ZINCA'S BOOK
ON THE 1944 COUP (ENTITLED "IT WAS THE 'H' HOUR") BY UNDER-
LINING PASSAGES CONTAINING "ERRORS AND LIES;" POLICE FOUND
THE COPY IN 1974 AND INTERROGATED AND SUBSEQUENTLY RELEASED
DEMETRESCU; POLICE RE-ARRESTED HIM LAST SEPTEMBER AND
TRIED AND SENTENCED HIM.

3. LOVINESCU CLAIMED HER SOURCES ARE: (A) MARIE-FRANCE
IONESCU (EUGENE IONESCU'S DAUGHTER, WHO RECENTLY RETURNED
FROM BUCHAREST); (B) V. VULCANESCU; (C) RADU PLESIA; AND
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(D) EMIL CIUREA. ALL FOUR PERSONS NOW LIVE IN FRANCE.
LATTER TWO ARE FORMER ROMANIAN DIPLOMATS WHO WERE ACTIVE

IN GROUP PLOTTING AUGUST 23, 1944 COUP.

4. RFE HAS NO RPT NO EVIDENCE AT PRESENT TO SUBSTANTIATE
ABOVE REPORT AND IS, THEREFORE, CARRYING NO RPT NO STORIES
ON IT.

5. CAN EMBASSY CONFIRM, REFUTE OR COMMENT ON THIS REPORT?
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